

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLYING AUTOMATIC
STATUS UPDATES USING ELECTRONIC MAIL

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5 ABSTRACT

A system is disclosed for automatically updating the status of customers' orders and shipments via electronic mail without using a human attendant to create and send the electronic mail messages. Preferably implemented in software, the updating system allows a large set of customers to be periodically updated over a computer or communications network via electronic mail. The system includes a database for maintaining order and shipping status and other relevant information.

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